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**Ventura State Route 118  
Wildlife Corridor Multi-Agency Working Group Meeting  
June 15, 2006 – 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.  
Simi Valley City Hall  
2929 Tapo Canyon Road, Simi Valley, CA**

**Meeting Summary**

**I. Introductions**

The meeting began at 1:05 pm with introductions from attendees (see attached sign-in sheet). All present received a copy of the agenda, mission statement, Alamos Canyon area description, and Alamos Canyon mitigation enhancements.

**II. Previous Meeting Summary**

Kally McCormick (Caltrans) provided a summary of the previous May 4, 2006 meeting. The group reviewed the reworded goal and adopted this along with the final mission statement.

**III. Work Plan Objective Number 2 – SR-118 area map development**

A group discussion began on the proposed map of the objectives. Mike Richey presented a draft map with several elements present: SR-118 through Los Angeles and Ventura Counties, zoning boundaries, canyon labels, and details from the LSA 2004 wildlife study.

The LSA study is available in full here:

[http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist07/aboutdist7/projects/wildlife\\_corridor/Wildlife%20Corridor%20Assessment%20Report.pdf](http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist07/aboutdist7/projects/wildlife_corridor/Wildlife%20Corridor%20Assessment%20Report.pdf)

Several ideas were offered regarding details of the map:

- Flood control data
- Aerial images
- Presently protected open space
- Non-urbanized areas
- Urbanized areas (commercial or residential)
- Agricultural land
- Contour layers
- Waterways
- Parcel layers
- Protected parklands
- Open areas not designated as open space (example: the Reservoir)
- Zoning boundaries

- Land use boundaries
- Vegetation/habitat data
- Proposed transportation projects
- Canyon labels
- City boundaries
- Boundaries from SR-23 to SR-27
- Land use data from SCAG
- Transportation infrastructure
- Current transportation projects
- Point data for species movement
- Linkage area boundaries from the SC Wildlands report
- Color boundary lines versus fill blocks

With general group consensus, Mike will refine the map, providing two detail views (western and eastern areas of concern). The underlying portion of the map will extend from SR-23 to SR-27, along SR-118. Canyon labels, parcel data, and other useful layers can be turned on/off when viewing the electronic map, but are not proposed to be on the hard copy version. The hard copy will contain waterways, aerial images, developed land, public land and protected parklands, and other undeveloped areas. The land boundaries will be outlined in color rather than fill to keep the aerial viewable. Please submit any relevant GIS data to [Michael.Richey@parsons.com](mailto:Michael.Richey@parsons.com). All data will be useful in building a large dataset that we can use to create different maps to fill specific needs.

#### **IV. South Coast Wildlands Missing Linkages Report Update**

Ray Sauvajot gave an update on the Santa Monica-Sierra Madre Connection report. Ray passed out several handouts with maps and details of the report. The study addressed 20 focal species including mountain lion, badger, and mule deer. They performed least cost union calculations and landscape permeability analyses for these species. The report also looks at site-specific ways to allow animals to cross the road. Suggestions for applying this data include purchasing property and retrofitting structures.

#### **V. Alamos Canyon Action Items**

Fiona Nagle gave an overview of Alamos Canyon description and mitigation/enhancement proposals. This information was pulled from the 2004 LSA study. Pros and cons for the enhancements were addressed, however some information needs to be added. Please submit any additional pros and/or cons to [finagle@ucla.edu](mailto:finagle@ucla.edu).

There were some questions regarding the overcrossing near the Simi Valley Landfill. The LSA study identifies this as the Westhills Court Overpass. We can further discuss this area and the Alamos Canyon pros and cons at a later meeting.

#### **VI. Update of Caltrans and Other Related Projects**

Caltrans is in the design stage adjust a chain link fence near Rocky Peak Rd. and the Corriganville Tunnel. The fence will be moved to discourage deer from jumping over it. Caltrans will bring this to the group for discussion at an appropriate time.

Construction is underway for SR-23 widening and permits for the SR-23 culvert cleanings are currently being obtained.

The South Coast Wildlands missing linkages report for the Santa Monica-Sierra Madre Connection should be available soon.

## **VII. Action Items**

Please continue to submit any relevant GIS data to Mike Richey ([Michael.Richey@parsons.com](mailto:Michael.Richey@parsons.com)).

Email your thoughts on pros and cons for the suggested Alamos Canyon enhancement proposals to Fiona Nagle ([Finagle@ucla.edu](mailto:Finagle@ucla.edu)).

Kally McCormick will meet with Mike to look at the data that we want to have incorporated in our map/database so we can have another draft for the next meeting.

## **VII. Future Meeting**

**Thursday, July 27 2006** from 1:00 to 2:30 pm at Simi Valley Government Center (2929 Tapo Canyon Road).